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JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidence of brain fever (Japanese Encephalitis) is increasing steadily in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise during the last three years; and

(c) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b):As per information received from State Health Authorities, incidence of Japanese Encephalitis (J.E.), State-wise during last three years is at ANNEXURE.

(c): Prevention and control of JE has been included in integrated scheme for National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 15-10-2003. States are responsible for implement action of the programme.The support by government of India is need based and mainly includes insecticides, diagnostic kits, technical outbreak investigation support and training for capacity building.

Japanese Encephalitis (J.E.) is caused by a virus and transmitted through mosquitoes. While there is no specific treatment for this disease, early symptomatic management is important. The preventive measures are directed at reducing the vector density and in taking personal protection against mosquito bites. Strategy being adopted to control Encephalitis include:-

- Vector control by insecticidal spraying with appropriate insecticide for outbreak containment
- Early diagnosis and proper management to reduce fatality
- Health Education
- Training of Medical Personnel and Professionals.

The State Governments have been advised that in the endemic districts, anticipatory preparations should be made for timely availability of medicines, equipment and accessories as well as sufficient number of trained medical, nursing and paramedical personnel.JE vaccine is produced in limited quantities at the Central Research Institute, Kasauli. Three doses of the vaccine provide immunity lasting a few years only. The vaccine is procured directly by the State Health authorities.